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- 1) 08-043507
- 2) 2002-267708
- 3) 04-142017
- 4) 06-342024
- 5) 2001-297954
- 6) 2001-085283

7) Electrochemical capacitor and AC Impedance Behavior in Electrochemical System

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